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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 9 after "herein." add the following sentence - This application is a

continuation-in-part of Application S/N 09/837,114 filed April 17, 2001. --

Remarks

Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on August 24, 2001 confirming the domestic priority claim to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/199,975 filed April 27, 2000 and adding the serial number for U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/837,114 filed April 17, 2001. Applicants inadvertently failed to state the continuity between the applications required by 35 USC 120. Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the continuity of applications accordingly.

Applicants believe that no fees are required in connection with this filing. However, to the extent that fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 13-0480, Attorney Docket No. 68110328.714.